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# DOMINICAN REPORTS U.S. BRIBE OFFER

## General Says Officials Want Him To Get Out Of Country

San Domingo, Dominican Republic, Sept. 8 (AP)—Gen. Elias Wessin y Wessin said today two United States Embassy officials told him he would lack for nothing if he agreed to leave the Dominican Republic.

The rebels are trying to get Wessin, who led the armed forces against them when the revolution broke out last April, out of the country.

The general said the embassy officials offered to purchase his home for \$50,000, and said he could have military attache jobs in Paris or Madrid. He said he declined the offer.

The United States Embassy said there would be no comment immediately but it might have something to say later.

### Rebels Demand Removal

Wessin emphasized he would not retire from the Army until the Dominican situation had become normal and an elected government was in power.

Wessin's remarks came amid speculation the provisional government headed by President Hector Garcia-Godoy was about to retire him or transfer him to some diplomatic job abroad.

Rebel leaders and sympathizers

are demanding the removal of Wessin, 42, claiming he ordered the bombing of innocent civilians at the height of the Dominican fighting last April. Wessin has said only rebel military positions were attacked.

### Disarming At Standstill

Top rebel officials recently have said the success of the civilian disarmament program under the Organization of American States' peace formula depends on Wessin's future status. The disarming of civilians in the rebel zone is reported to be at a standstill.

The general, who entered the service as a private in 1944, said four different attempts at what he called bribery were made by American officials, the last one during the past week.

Talking to reporters at his headquarters at San Isidro Air base, the general declined to reveal the identity of the two persons involved in the first two attempts because, he said, he held them in the highest esteem.

### "Improper Hour"

The persons calling him last week, he said, were David Phillips, whom he identified as an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Lt. Col. Joseph William Weyrick, Army attache.

"They came at midnight," said Wessin, "an improper hour to call on a humble Dominican home. Phillips did not say he was with

the CIA, but I checked that later and was told that he was.

He offered to purchase my home and said I would be a guest of honor at the American installations in Panama. He said I could visit all United States Army posts and proposed that I could be military attache in Madrid or military attache in Paris. He assured me I would lack nothing.

"It's interesting to point out that I am quite willing to sell my

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